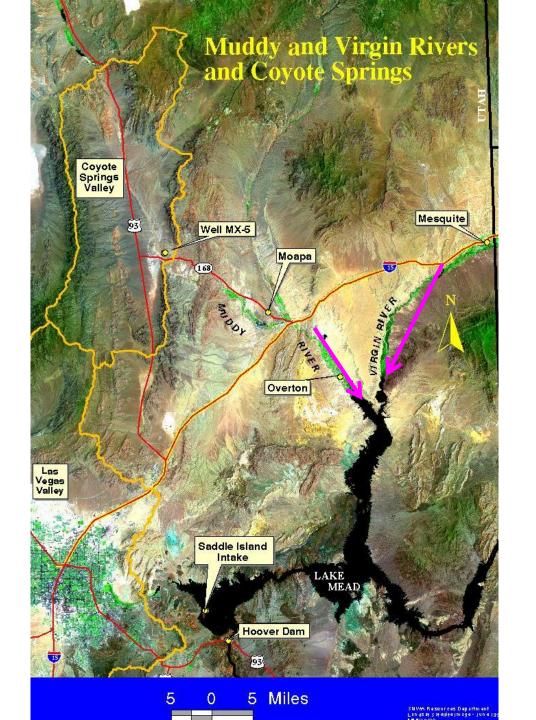
# Coyote Spring Valley Development of Existing Rights



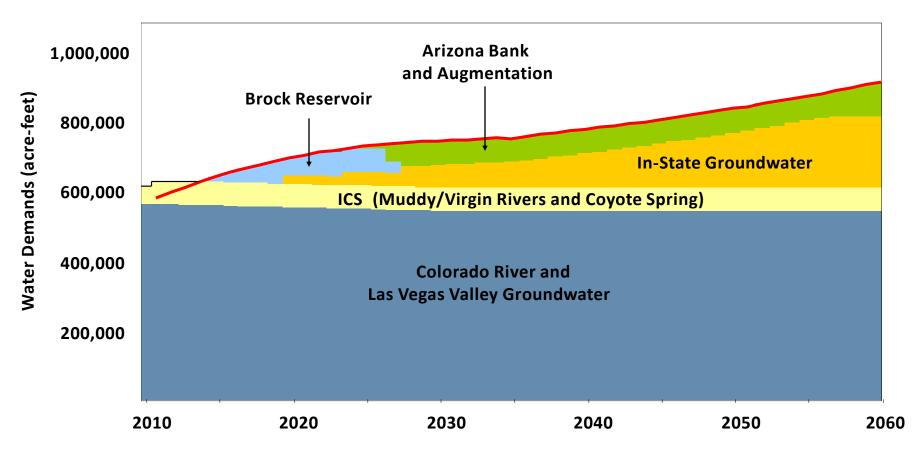
Well MX-5





#### **SNWA Water Resource Plan**

SNWA Water Resource Plan, which provides a comprehensive overview of water resources and demand in Southern Nevada.



#### <u>Diversification:</u> Intentionally Created Surplus

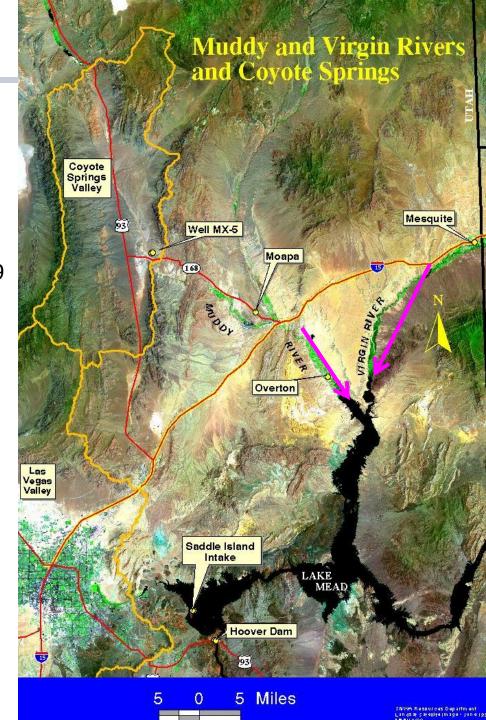
# First Importation of water since Colorado River water

#### **Tributary Conservation:**

- Muddy and Virgin Rivers
- Acquisition and retirement of pre-1929 agricultural rights
- Conveyance of water to Lake Mead for Colorado River credits

#### **Imported Groundwater:**

- Coyote Spring Valley
- Facilities convey groundwater to Lake
   Mead for Colorado River credits
- Began in 2010



#### **History**

1997 – NSE Permits a total of 16,100 afy priority date of 1983 - 1986

**1998 – SNWA purchases 7,500 afy** 

1998 – CSI files for additional water rights

2000 – Pre-hearing conference

2001 - Hearings

2002 - Order 1169



#### **Order 1169**

Existing Water Rights

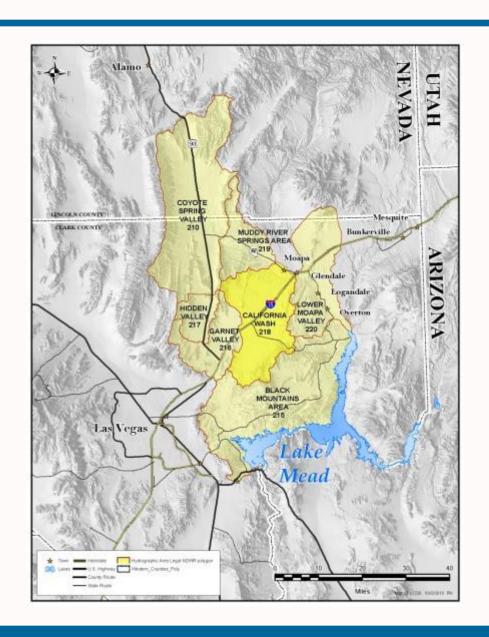
9,000 afy SNWA

4,600 afy CSI LLC

2,500 afy NV Energy

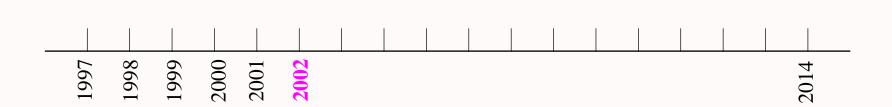
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- NDWR Order 1169 (March 2002)
  - Holds in abeyance applications
  - 5-year study with 50% of existing rights pumped for 2 consecutive years
  - Compile data and submit to NDWR for evaluation



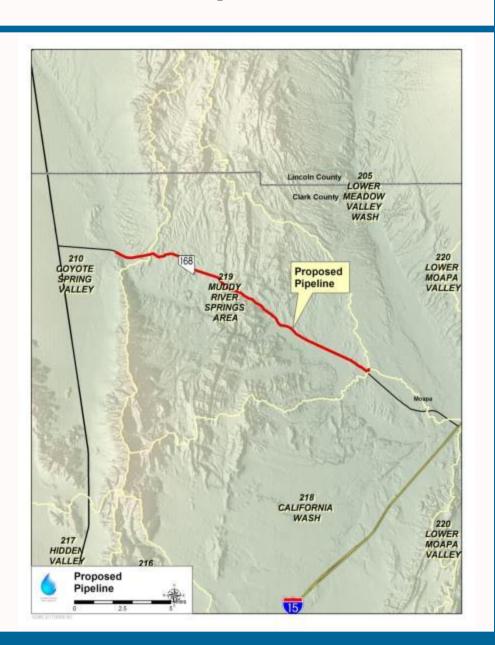
# **History**

2002 – Resource sharing agreement w/ MVWD and CSI



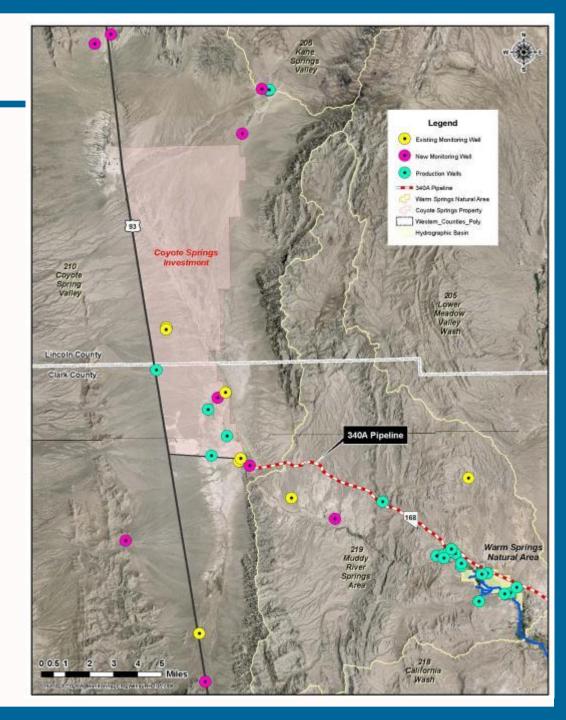
#### **SNWA** Groundwater Development

- Proposed Pipeline
  - Convey Existing SNWA Rights
  - Facilitate 1169 Testing
- Extensive Monitoring
- Right-of-Way
  - NEPA and ESA requirements

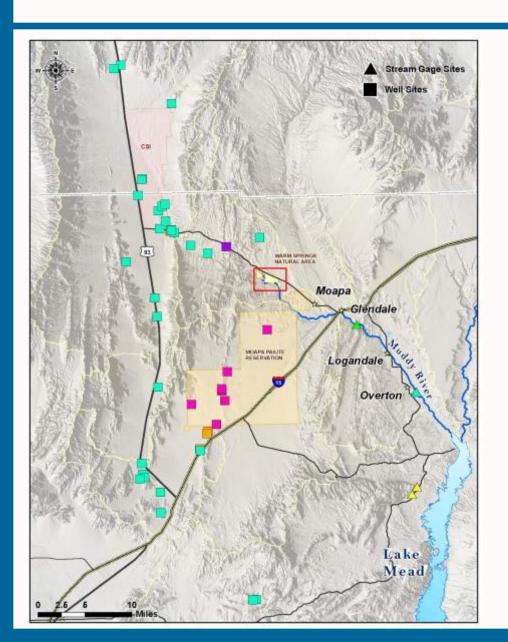


#### **Monitoring**

- Existing Monitor Wells
- 2002 / 03 Additional Monitor Wells
- Existing and New (CSI)
   Production Wells

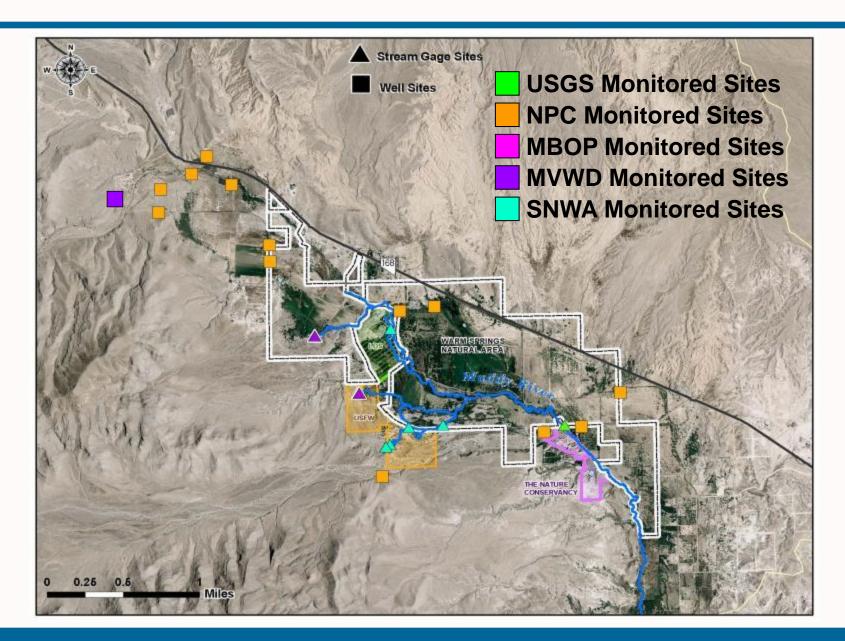


### **Regional Monitoring**



- USGS Monitored Sites
- NPC Monitored Sites
- MBOP Monitored Sites
- MVWD Monitored Sites
- NPS Monitored Sites
- SNWA Monitored Sites

# **Muddy River Springs Area Monitoring**



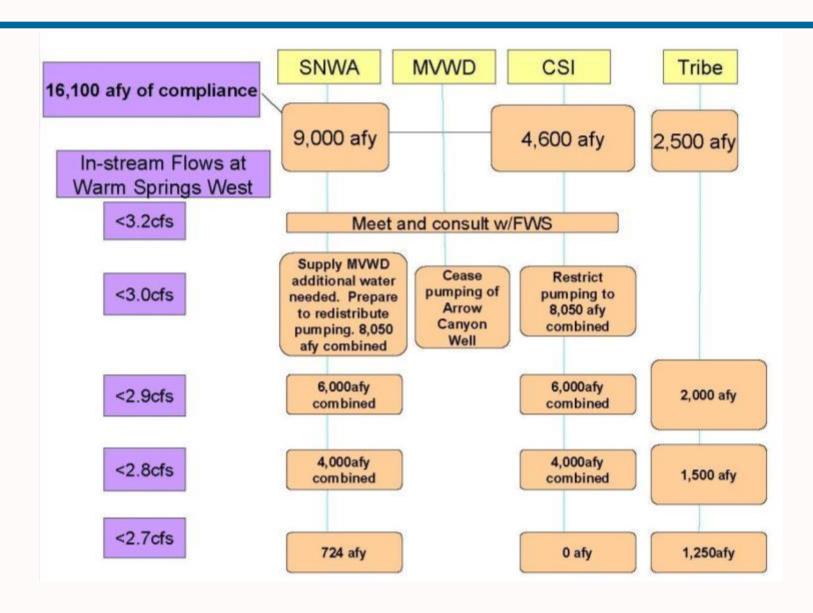
### **Memorandum of Agreement**

April 2006, SNWA entered into a Memorandum of Agreement with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, CSI, and MVWD.

- Dedication of MVWD's Jones Spring water right (1 cfs) as a pass through flow to allow for augmentation of habitat
- Trigger flow levels to ensure protection of Moapa Dace
- Dedication of 10% of CSI's existing rights to Moapa Dace recovery
- Established a Recovery Implementation Program
- Established a Hydrologic Review Team



#### **Memorandum of Agreement Triggers**



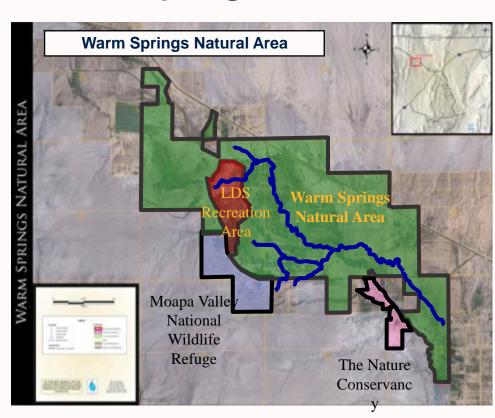
#### Warm Spring Natural Area

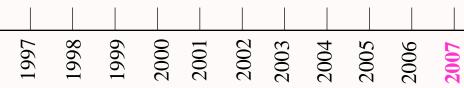
2007 SNWA acquires the Warm Springs Natural with

**SNPLMA** funding for

• 1,220 acres

- Historical habitat of Moapa Dace
- Environmental Conservation

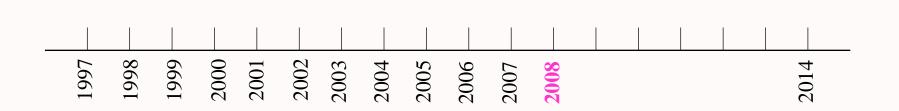


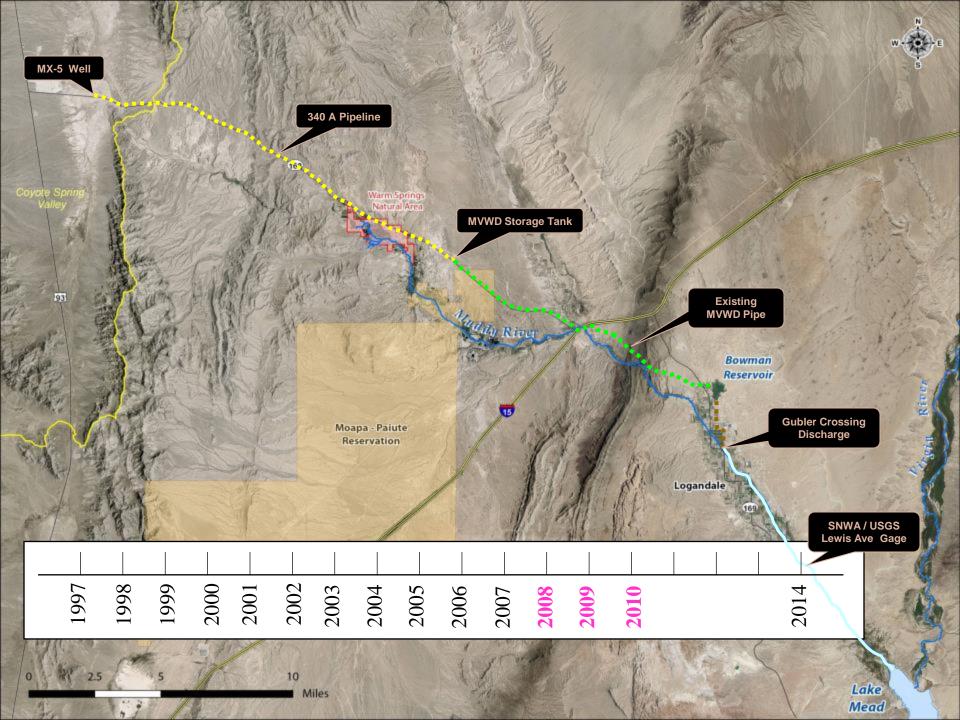


## **SNWA, MVWD Agreement**

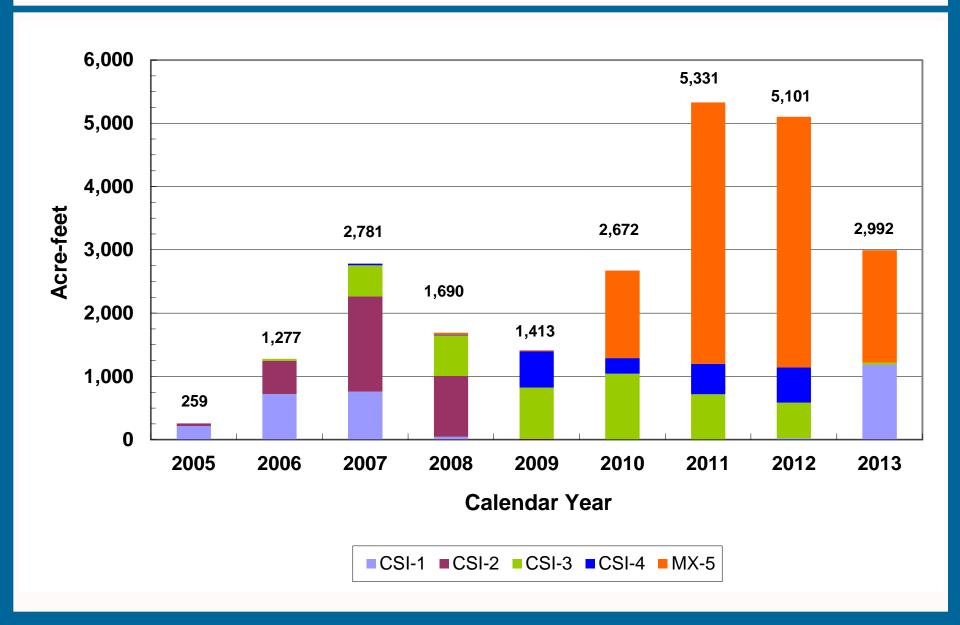
#### 2008 Agreement to maximize and exchange rights

- MVWD ability to acquire and use SNWA Coyote Spring groundwater rights
- Cooperative participation in construction and operation of pipeline and facilities
- Enhanced regional water resource management

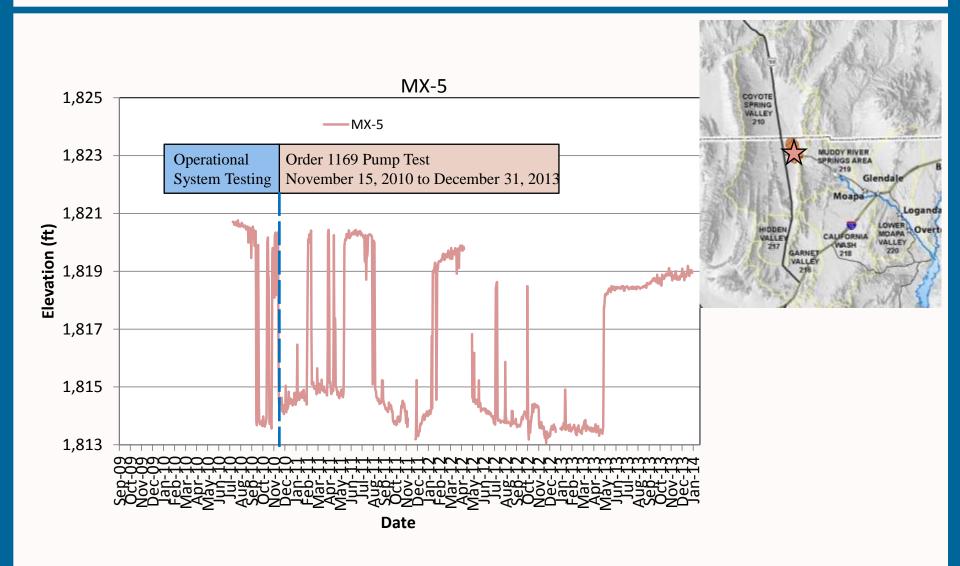




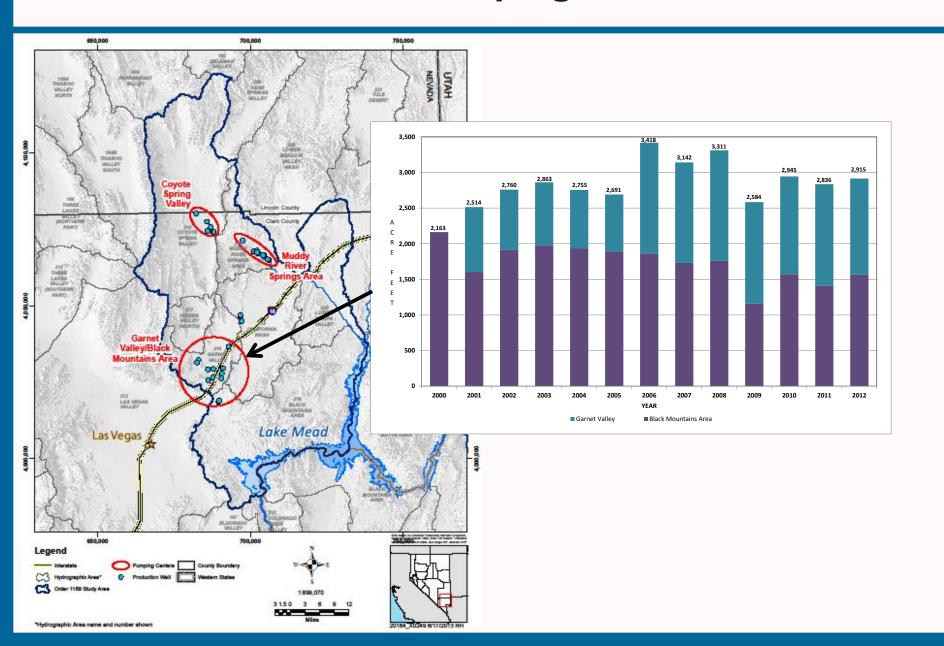
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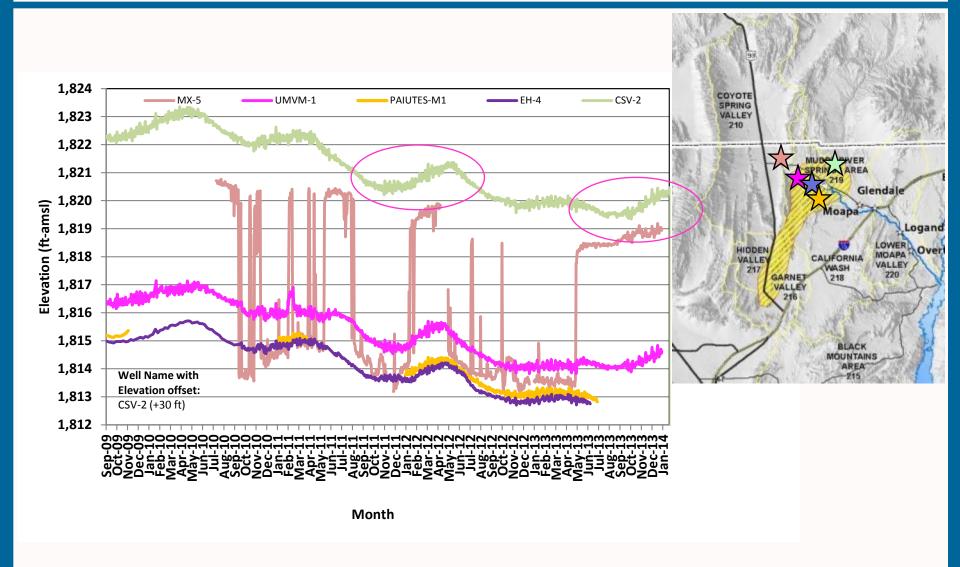
#### **MX-5 Pumping**



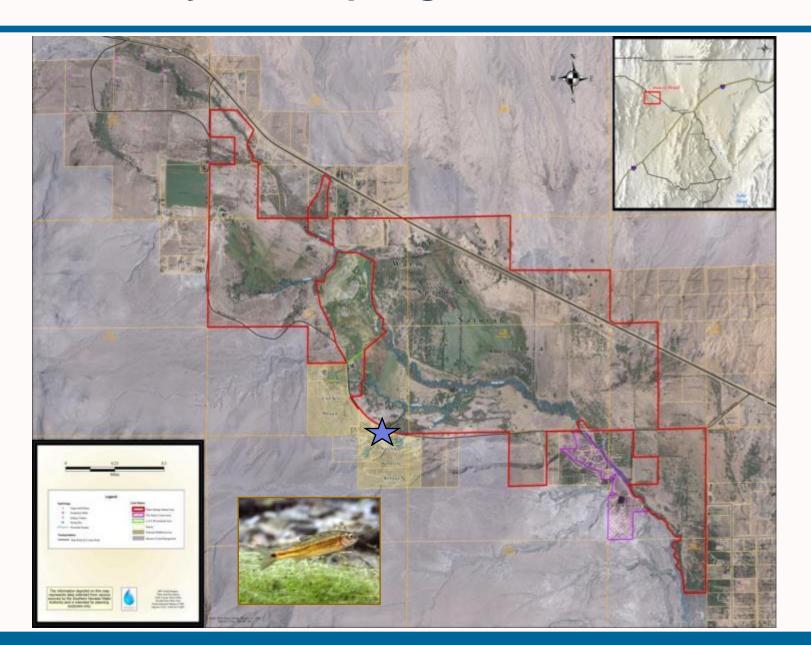
# **Additional Pumping Stresses**



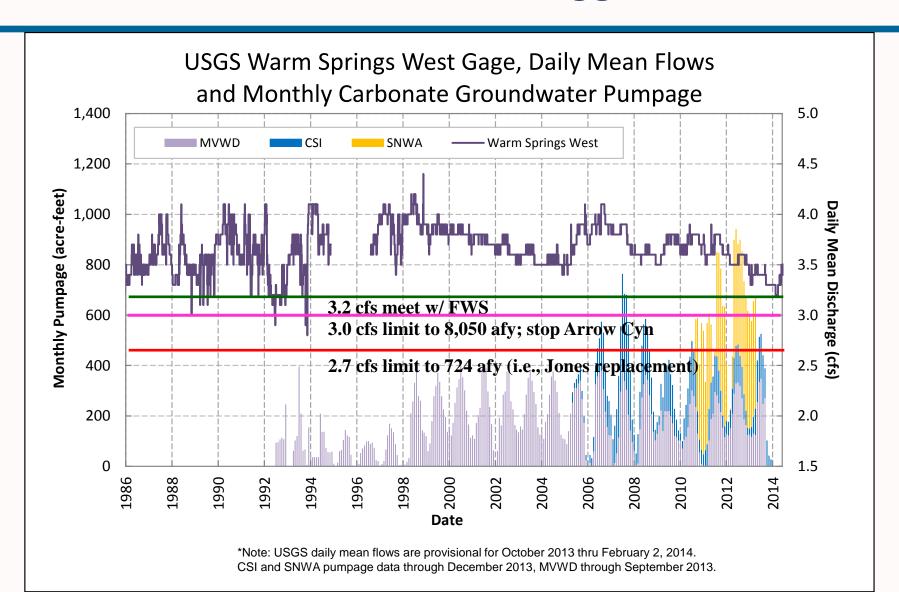
#### Water Levels Outside of Coyote Spring Valley - Eastern



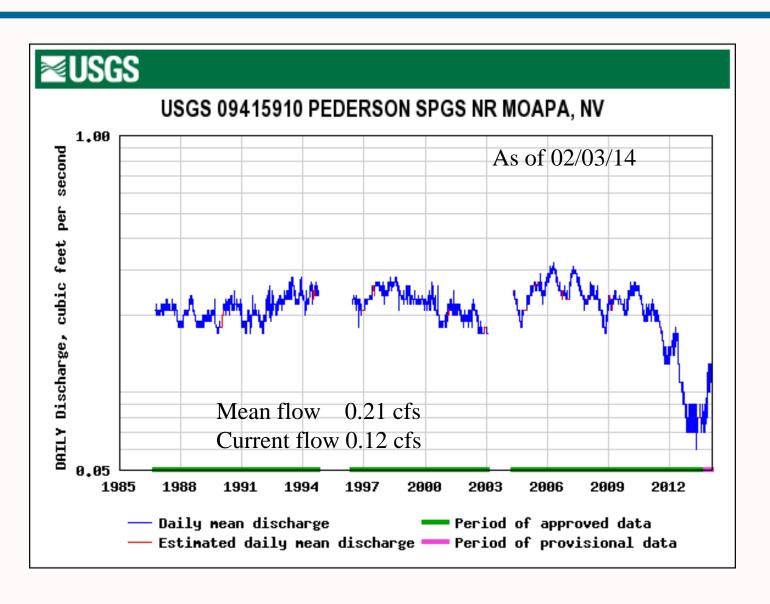
# **Muddy River Springs Observations**



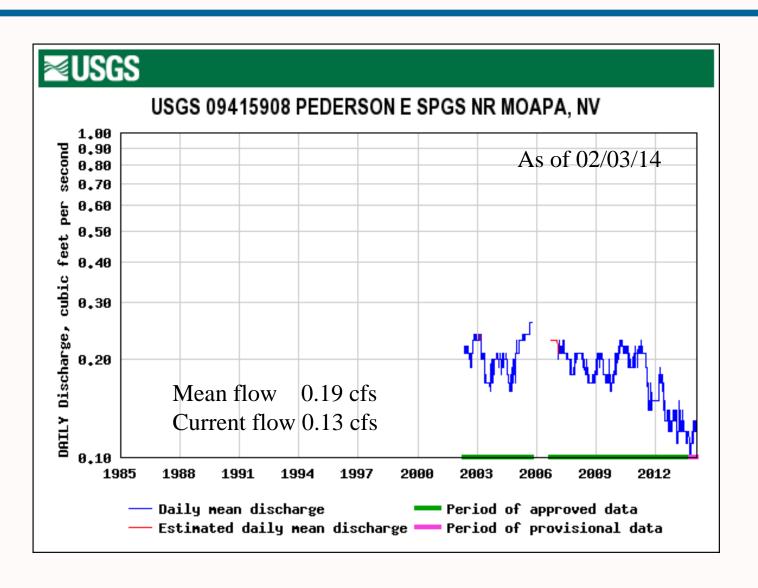
### **Stream flow and Triggers**



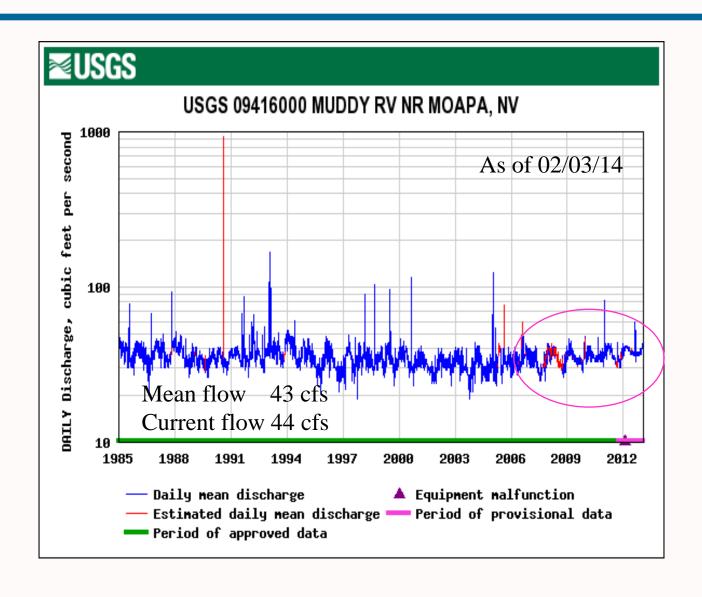
# Pederson Spring Experiencing Probable MX-5 Drawdown Affects



# Pederson Spring East Experiencing Probable MX-5 Drawdown Affects



#### **Moapa Gage**



#### **Observations**

- GW level trends driven by 3 pumping centers and conditions preceding and during the test
- Reasonable GW lowering, recovery when pumping stopped
- Lack of response north of Kane Springs fault
- Declines in highest elevation springs anticipated, magnitude of decline minimal compared to Muddy River flow
- No discernible effects to flows at Moapa gage
- Local alluvial pumpage is the primary stressor to Muddy River flows

#### **Observations**

- Ability to manage existing rights
- SNWA owns and controls more than 50% of the surface water rights on the Muddy River
- Pipeline and facilities enhance regional water resource management
- Environmental conservation programs effective

